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gives the Game Commission some leverage on saying, "Oh, no," to the federal government, this isn't quite the case. This isn't the way we see it. Now, for instance, I understand the federal government in the state of Indiana, I might be wrong on the state, but I think it's Indiana, in that particular state there'd be prairie grouse is an endangered species. Now so in that particular state, the prairie grouse would be an endangered species but not in Nebraska or Kansas. It is not. You see, there is some states that your endangered species would be in one state and not in another and if you don't do it this way, well, of course, they say the federal government will. I think this is a good bill. I'm glad you are asking questions but I do not wish to appear that I'm an expert on all ecology or environment. I certainly am trying and I certainly think that I am quite knowledgeable but I am not an expert.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to support Senator Syas' bill and in the process make reference to earlier comments. An ermine is a weasel which turns white in winter time.

PRESIDENT: Now that's not a question of Senator Murphy, is it, Senator Chambers? Senator Mills. Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I would like to direct a question to Senator Syas.

PRESIDENT: Before the question is addressed, the chair wants to compliment the members on the firm of their questions today. They've been very informative.

SENATOR MILLS: Under fiscal impact, it's listed a half ton pickup with a camper shell, a two-way radio, a binocular, a spotting scope, a tape recorder, and miscellaneous field items, \$6,000. On down, we are talking about hiring another biologist, \$12,000. A fiscal impact of \$21,000. Is this going to control the state of Nebraska? This \$21,000, is this going to take care of your whole program?

SENATOR SYAS: It was estimated before the Committee Hearing that the total cost would be in the neighborhood of \$35,000 but it is hopeful that we will receive some federal funds. Now, in so far as the fiscal impact, naturally the Game Department has to go to the Budget Committee to get money assigned, appropriated for this act. This is an estimate. I don't know exactly and neither anyone sitting in this Legislature does know exactly what this is going to cost but this has been estimated that way. I doubt if it'd cost more than this and it may cost less but there we are getting into an administrative function of how--if they need a tape recorder and all that sort of thing and, as I say, the stop-gap here is the Budget Committee is going to have to handle this appropriation when it comes to them of how much they want to earmark to this act. There is no appropriation called for in the act itself.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question? The question is shall 145 advance to E & R Initial. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 145 shall be so advanced.